



COMMISSION ON AGING
CLIFFORD J HURGIN MUNICIPAL CENTER
BETHEL, CT 06801

MINUTES
March 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the COA was called to order by Commissioner Judy Novachek in the absence of Chairman Al Barney at 2:39 pm.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Judy Novachek, Kay Visconti, Barbara Negri, Mary O'Leary, and Director Lisa Plumb.

PUBLIC INPUT: Anna Plevka attended the meeting as a guest to observe the meeting format and to offer her support.

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 11, 2016 were distributed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kay Visconti, seconded by Barbara Negri. All in favor, motion passed. The February meeting was cancelled because of weather.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Lisa Plumb distributed her report. Kay Visconti made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Barbara Negri. Motion carried unanimously. She reported that the proposed budget submitted for next year was not approved to increase the Assistant Director's hours. Discussion followed and concern voiced for the request deduction.

MUNICIPAL AGENT REPORT: Lisa Plumb distributed her report. Barbara Negri made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Kay Visconti. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Judy Novachek distributed the treasurer reports for January and February. Barbara Negri made a motion to accept both reports, seconded by Kay Visconti. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The Tag sale is scheduled for April 23, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS: Mary O'Leary was welcomed to the board. She is filling the vacancy of Mary Menti. Kay Visconti will send a letter to Mary thanking her for her years of service and commitment to the COA.

MISCELLANEOUS: Lisa Plumb shared her thoughts on offering programs for the elderly needing supervision and also for care givers support.

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ADJOURNMENT: Kay Visconti made a motion, seconded by Barbara Negri to adjourn at 3:49 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the COA is Monday, April 11, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary O'Leary

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Municipal Agent Report – 3/14/16

We have had a few telephone calls concerning housing in the area and people visiting to borrow medical equipment.

One person was assisted with Medicare questions.

Most people from the community needing assistance are going directly to the Social Services Director now that she has set hours and people in the community know when she is in the building.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Plumb", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa Plumb
Municipal Agent

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Director's Report -3/14/16

OLD BUSINESS

The Quilt Raffle has continued. The raffle will be held 3/18/16 at 12:30 p.m.

The budget is in progress for 2016-2017 fiscal year. The budget was not approved to increase the Assistant Director's hours from 25 hours to 35 hours.

The trip to Ireland has 13 members participating to date. Two additional participants are planning to sign up making the total number 15 members participating.

The Ceramics Instructor continues to be progressing from her accident, however is not cleared to return to work at this time. Rosemary Cywin, Assistant Director has been supervising the class so it is able to continue.

The Senior Center is in the process of applying for a grant for a van. Lisa Plumb and Phyllis Kansky met with the HART Director, Rick Schriener, who assisted with writing of the grant application.

NEW BUSINESS

The Community Tag Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 9 am to 3 pm. There is a \$20./fee to purchase a space for the tag sale. The tag sale is open to the public and people interested in purchasing space do not need to be senior center members. Participants are required to bring their own table.

An Information Technology day is scheduled at the Bethel Senior Center on Tuesday, April 5 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. The Bethel High school students will assist the senior citizens and have a pizza lunch after the session, courtesy of the Bethel Senior Center.

The Tax Assistance program continues to serve senior citizens from the greater Danbury area. The program will end on 4/13/16. The program serves 18 – 20 per session.

There is a new art class being offered in April for 6 weeks on still life painting.

A new Gumba class started in March 2016. The class is \$4.00 and is a new trend of exercise incorporating ballroom dance moves into a dance routine. The class had 12 participants the first class. There will need to be a minimum of 15 participants to continue the class on a weekly basis.

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This is a report on February Senior Center expenditures.

Account	Budget	Expended	% Spent
5101 Salary	\$57,503	\$41,811.49	72.7%
5105 2Sec/Purc	\$48,018	\$32,509.86	67.7%
5201 Office Exp	\$ 7,500	\$5,866.05	78.2%
5301 Dues/Ed	\$3,000	\$598.30	19.9%
5304 Mileage	\$650.	\$84.63	13.0%
5317 Activities	\$60,000	\$33,490.51	55.8%
Total Senior Center Budget		\$176,671	
Expended		\$114,360.84	64.7%
Total Left In Budget		\$62,310.16	35.3 % remaining

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Novachek

Bethel Commission on Aging

This is a report on January Senior Center expenditures.

Account	Budget	Expended	% Spent
5101 Salary	\$57,503	\$36,893.01	64.2%
5105 2Sec/Purc	\$48,018	\$28,978.15	60.3%
5201 Office Exp	\$ 7,500	\$ ⁵ 184.94	69.1%
5301 Dues/Ed	\$3,000	\$598.30	19.9%
5304 Mileage	\$650.	\$84.63	13.0%
5317 Activities	\$60,000	\$30,552.23	50.9%
Total Senior Center Budget		\$176,671	
Expended		\$102,291.26	57.9%
Total Left In Budget		\$74,379.74	42.1 % remaining

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Novachek